

Oxalis hirta

COMMON NAMES

hairy oxalis

BIOSTATUS

Exotic

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

CATEGORY

Vascular

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledons other than Composites

SIMPLIFIED DESCRIPTION

Branching aerial stems, hairy, with sessile trifoliate leaves; flowers on long peduncles; bulb to 25 mm diameter.

FLOWER COLOURS

Red/Pink

GENUS

Oxalis

FAMILY

Oxalidaceae

AUTHORITY

Oxalis hirta L.

ENDEMIC GENUS

No

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

YEAR NATURALISED

1899

ORIGIN

South Africa

REASON FOR INTRODUCTION

Probably ornamental

LIFE CYCLE AND DISPERSAL

Perhaps by bulbs only, in New Zealand - dispersed in garden soil

PROPAGATION TECHNIQUE

Bulbs

ETYMOLOGY

oxalis: From the Greek word oxus meaning acid or sharp

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Rescued from a limestone rockery in a neglected garden in Whanganui. Probably not adventive, as it appears to be still where it was planted. Stems thread-like, pubescent, leaves trifoliate, sessile. Photographer: Colin C. Ogle, Date taken: 13/03/2022, Licence: CC BY-NC.



In limestone rockery, scrambling through massed Mexican daisy and black-eyed Susan. Photographer: Colin C. Ogle, Date taken: 23/03/2022, Licence: Public domain.

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